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## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In advance of the first office action, please amend the specification as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 9, first full paragraph:

The additional specification "optionally substituted" in relation to the cyclic (saturated, unsaturated or aromatic) groups is intended to express that these groups may be partially or fully halogenated (i.e. the hydrogen atoms of these groups may be partly or fully replaced by identical or different halogen atoms <u>such as mentioned before</u> (preferably fluorine and chlorine), and/or may bear from one to three of the following radicals: nitro, cyano, C1-C4-alkyl, C1-C4-alkoxy and C1-C4-alkoxycarbonyl.